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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 May 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-161 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-161 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. On the early days of the week of December 4, 2006, a telephone conversation was conducted with Mr. Robert B. Reeser III for proposing claims restriction into six groups and requesting election from Applicant. Mr. Robert B. Reeser III kindly stated that decision would be made after further consulting with inventors. Concerning a response from inventors might take time; this Action is conveyed for formally presenting restriction requirement.

2. Restriction to one of the following six inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-6, 36-49, 95-100 and 130-135, drawn to generating database or data structure, classified in class 707, subclass 102.
- II. Claims 7-10, 50-64, 101-104 and 136-148, drawn to query formulation, input preparation or translation, classified in class 707, subclass 4;
- III. Claims 11-23 and 105-117, drawn to pattern matching access, classified in class 707, subclass 6.
- IV. Claims 24-26, 65-83, 118-120 and 149-151, drawn to query processing, classified in class 707, subclass 3.
- V. Claims 27-35, 84-94, 121-129 and 152-160, drawn to distributed or remote access, classified in class 707, subclass 10.
- VI. Claim 161, drawn to display processing, classified in class 715, subclass 526.

3. The inventions I, II, III, IV, V and VI are related as sub-combinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The sub-combinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable.

In the instant case, invention I is related to creating context sensitive subset of query information.

Invention II is mainly related to building a query from user information, a query formulation.

As for invention III, it is about determining user identity, user location, and user schedule and determining context sensitive subset based on determined user data.

The key element of invention IV is searching a database including contact information of personnel grouped into communities.

Concerning invention V, the invention distributes context sensitive information to a user located at defined zones in a facility.

Finally, invention VI specifically retrieves display sections having data set entries and a metric section having report entries and displays the sections on a display, among others.

Because these inventions are distinct and related to different art sub-classifications, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper. Also please be advised this election/restriction does not preclude any further election/restriction of claim groups in each specific art above.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the

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application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(l).

Applicant is reminded that the reply to this restriction election to be completed must be include an election of the invention to be examined within one month from the mailing data of this office action, even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Contact Information

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Mohammad Ali whose telephone number is (571) 272-4114. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00 am-5:00 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Supervisor, John Cottingham can be reached on (571) 272-7079. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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